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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The claims have been amended to limit dependencies and to cancel claims 10-13, 17-20, 25-26, 28-29, 32, 34-35, 37-38 as filed in the original application and adding claims 63 and 64, leaving claims 1-9, 14-16, 21-24, 27, 30-31, 33, 36, and 39-64 remaining in the application. In the original application, a large number of claims were presented in order to adequately claim the various aspects of the present invention(s) in dependent and alternatively independent fashions. The applicants have voluntarily reduced the amount to assist the examiner in their efforts to primarily 3 independent and closely related claims (with a limited number of accompanying dependent claims) for a consideration in this first application without waiving the right to add claims such as dependent claims already disclosed herein or to file other applications such as continuations, divisionals, or continuations in part.

Before calculating filing fees and before examining the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.